GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - M.A. & U.D. Department - Allegations of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income against Sri V.SobhanBabu, Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam - Arrested on 26.10.2022 by Anti Corruption Bureau Officials - Placed under deemed suspension from the date of his detention i.e., from 27.10.2022 - Suspension reviewed - Reinstatement into service– Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 39 **Dated: 24-01-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range, Radio Message, dated 27 10.2022.
2. G.O.Rt.No.863, MA&UD(vig.1) dept. dt:07.11.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.No.550, MA&UD(vig.1) dept. dt:31.08.2023.
4. G.O.Rt.No.329, MA&UD(vig.1) dept. dt:20.03.2024.
5. G.O.Rt.No.598, MA&UD(vig.1) dept. dt:05.08.2024.
6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24.12.2024 with the ACB officials to review the suspension cases of Accused Officers for reinstatement into service.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range that, a case in Cr.No.04/RCA-ACB/VZM/2022 u/s 13 (1) (b) r/w. 13 (2) of P.C. Act 1988, as amended in 2018 was registered on 17.10.2022 against Sri Vardhanapu Sobhan Babu, S/o. Late Subba Rao, 55 years, Planning Officer, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), Visakhapatnam, as he had acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of legal income by indulging in corrupt practices. On 26.10.2022, simultaneous searches were conducted on the various residential premises of A.O. and his relatives in Visakhapatnam and West Godavari, U/S. 165 Cr.P.C. During searches, it has been found that, the Accused Officer is found in possession of Disproportionate Assets tentatively worth Rs.2,46,87,936/-.The Accused Officer was arrested on 26.10.2022 at 22:00 hours and produced before the Hon'ble Court of III Addl. District Judge cum Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam along with connected records and he was remanded up to 10.11.2022. Therefore, he has requested to place the A.O., under suspension with effect from the date of remand i.e. on 27.10.2022.

2. Whereas, in the G.O. 2nd read above, orders were issued, placing the Accused Officer Sri Vardhanapu Sobhan Babu, Planning Officer, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), Visakhapatnam under deemed suspension from the date of his detention i.e., 27.10.2022 under sub-rule (2) of Rule 8 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and subsequently his case was reviewed and issued orders, continuing him under suspension vide G.O. 3rd, 4th and 5th read above.

3. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, the Govt. have reviewed the suspension cases relating to Anti Corruption Bureau Cases on 24.12.2024 with

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the ACB officials for reinstatement into service or continue them under suspension. The Committee have recommended to reinstate the A.O. Sri V.Sobhan Babu, Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam into service, pending receipt of the final report and without prejudice to the criminal and departmental action against him. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri V.Sobhan Babu, Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam (under suspension), into service and post him in a far off place and post him in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case/ Disciplinary Case pending against him.

4. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.
Sri V. SobhanBabu, Planning Officer (U/S), Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), Visakhapatnam **through**: The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Correption Bureau, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER